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Police released details of a silver car they wanted to trace in connection to the deaths of a family of four in Wootton



Saints sealed their place in the Heineken Cup final in Cardiff after a win against Perpignan at stadium: mk



The county celebrated the Royal Wedding with various street parties to mark the occasion



Murder parents' cash dispute with suspect



Main suspect Anxiang Du

A WOMAN whose Chinese husband was named by police as the main suspect in the murder of a family-of-four in their Northampton home has spoken of a bitter financial feud between former business partners.

Police revealed on Tuesday they were hunting Anxiang Du, a 52-year-old shop manager from Coventry,

who has business links with Helen Chui and her husband Jifeng Ding, also known as Jeff.

Officers said Mr Du was the main suspect in the investigation into the quadruple murder of Jeff, aged 56, Helen, aged 47, and their two daughters, Alice, aged 12, and Xing, 18.

All four bodies were found on Sunday evening inside their home in Pioneer Close, Simpson Manor. They all died from multiple stab wounds.

Mr Du's wife said the two families had been involved in a court case three years ago, after they went into business together in 2001.

She admitted she had no idea of the whereabouts of her husband, who left a suspected suicide note before going missing on Friday.

Mrs Du, who runs Natural Care, a Chinese medicinal shop in Birmingham's Pavilions shopping centre, said: "It is horrendous what has happened

to this family. I do not know what is going on or where my husband is. I am so worried and so shocked that this has happened."

The dispute over money had been "very stressful", she said, and claimed she and her husband did not get money she says was owed to them by the family.

"We went into business together in 2001 with a 50/50 share of the business, but they were keeping more

than their share," she claimed.

"So we took them to court and in 2007 we won. We were told that they would owe us 60 per cent of the profits. But we get nothing. My husband has been in a very difficult place. He has been acting strangely."

Helen is known to have previously run Herbs For Health in St Peter's Walk, off Gold Street, Northampton. It has not yet emerged whether Mr Du was also involved with the venture.

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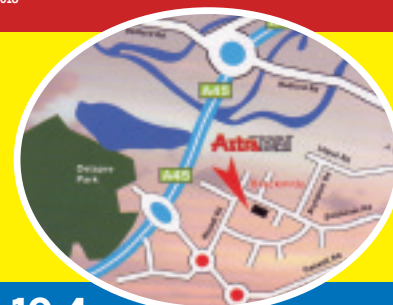


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Fans' fury over final ticketing

SAINTS' fans have spoken out against the "disgraceful" Heineken Cup Final ticketing system which has left them with an allocation of only 7,500 seats at the 75,000-capacity Millennium Stadium.

Following Northampton's victory over Perpignan on Sunday, fans have been encouraged to go on the Ticketmaster website to buy tickets for the game on May 21 as the club will only be officially allocated one tenth of the Cardiff venue.

However, many fans booking tickets on Sunday night and on Monday found most of the cheapest tickets had already been snapped up by other rugby supporters, including Leinster fans who had 24 hours' prior notice that they were going to be in the final.

Some tickets bought by Munster fans, who expected their team to get to the final, were being sold on auction sites such as eBay, but Saints fans feared they would have to pay inflated prices for these.

Former Saints player and *Chronicle & Echo* columnist Jon Sleightholme said many Saints fans were "very angry" as few "would have had the clairvoyance to take a speculative punt" on their team getting to the final.

In his column in Tuesday's *Chron*, Mr Sleightholme said: "Saints will be receiving only 7,500 tickets for a stadium that seats 75,000, something is clearly wrong with the system."

"That pathetic amount of tickets will not get close to covering season ticket holders and a lot of people are going to be disappointed or priced out of the open market if they have to buy through agencies and auction websites, which is a disgrace."



Saints fan John Wright phoned Ticketmaster from the car park immediately after the victory at Stadium: mk but could only get expensive seats at the top of the south stand.

He said: "It's a bit of a let down. Last time we were in the cup final we took 25,000 fans but a lot

of people won't be able to go this time.

"You will probably have to start queuing at Franklin's Gardens the night before to get tickets and I can't do that."

"The win has been spoilt by the fact that I probably won't be getting to Cardiff."

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16-year-old Jamal Hibbert, who tragically died at the weekend in Northampton



Teen's death 'unexplained'

THE fiancée of a 16-year-old who tragically died in Northampton has said he was an "amazing person loved by everybody".

Jamal Hibbert, of Far Cotton, died in Northampton General Hospital shortly before 1pm on Sunday after police officers and an ambulance were called to St Leonard's Court, Far Cotton, at 11.30am.

A Northamptonshire Police spokesman said his death was currently being treated as "sudden and unexplained".

Adele Hackney, aged 16, who got engaged to Mr Hibbert in March, said he was an inspirational person: "He always lived in the moment and made sure he lived life to the full and did everything he wanted to do."

"I was due to pick up my engagement ring this Saturday."

"We were planning on getting married next summer."

"He was an amazing person and everybody loved him so much."

Jamal's mum, Celine Saxton, who is pregnant, said in a Facebook message that her unborn son's middle name would be Jamal in tribute to him.



She said: "I will always love you Jamal, forever in my heart."

"Your little brother's middle name is going to be Jamal just as you wanted."

"I know you'll always be looking down on me. Mum, x x x x x x x x x x"

More than 2,000 people have joined a Facebook group entitled RIP Jamal with hundreds of comments posted by friends and family.

The teenager – a talented DJ also known as MC Skimma – attended Unity College (now Malcolm Arnold Academy) and used to regularly play at local clubs, including the Roadmender, and would create new music with his best friend Max Mozart.

Jamal's sister Lianne Saxton said: "Rest in peace Jamal, you were one in a million."

"I don't know why God had to take my brother away. I love you so much. You better be looking down on us Mr!"

"Heavens gained an angel. Love you big brother, never be forgotten x x x x x x"

Jamal's cousin Sophie Greatrix posted on Facebook: "Rest in peace Jamal you were one amazing cousin and brilliant friend to so many, I miss you so much! keep smiling and sleep tight I love and miss you cousin Jamal rest in peace."

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Winds halt abseil



STRONG winds halted a charity abseil down Northampton's famous Lift Tower which was due to take place on Sunday and Monday.

The high-profile event, which more than 300 people were due to take part in, had to be cancelled due to windy weather conditions. Those due to take part included Mr T look-alike, John G Lashley. The abseil down the 418ft lift tower, to raise money for MAG (Mines Advisory Group), will be postponed until a suitable week-

end is decided by the charity. More than 100 people turned up at the Lift Tower yesterday ready to make the descent, only to be told that weather conditions had made the abseil unsafe and the decision was made later in the day to cancel the weekend event.

Cat Smith, who organised the abseil for MAG, said: "Everyone who came had to be sent away. "It's such a disappointment but everybody has been really understanding and they can see that it's not safe. "We can't do anything about it as it's due to the weather

and we decided to cancel the event for the whole weekend after looking at the forecast.

"It's a real shame but it's not safe to do it in these conditions and we won't put anyone in any danger.

"However, we will be organising another weekend where the abseil can take place."

Left, Mr T look-a-like, John G Lashley, was due to abseil down the Lift Tower to raise funds for MAG

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The sponsored walk - which this year is raising cash for the *Chronicle & Echo's* charity appeal - takes place on Sunday.

Organisers had hoped to attract more entrants than ever to raise cash for the *Chron* and Macmillan Cancer Support's £1.55 million appeal for a new blood cancer treatment unit at Northampton General Hospital in the walk's fifth and Macmillan's centenary year.

But at the beginning of this week, only just over 100 people had registered to walk. Last year 356 people took part on the day.

Marcus Cox, Macmillan fundraising manager for Northampton, said: "The walk is a great event for the whole family and allows peo-

ple to take in the beautiful surroundings of the Althorp estate while raising money for Macmillan.

"We will have music, food and a party atmosphere in the Pump House and every walker will receive a goodie bag and T-shirt.

"Anyone who would like to do the walk but cannot raise the £50 sponsorship stated on the website and leaflets is still more than welcome to come and take part. Plans are going well and with the kind help and generosity of the people of Northampton we look forward to making this year's walk the best ever."

A Walk in the Park takes place on Sunday, with the three-mile and six-mile routes beginning at 10.30am. Registration costs £10. To sign up call 01676 535452, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/walking or turn up on the day from 9.30am.

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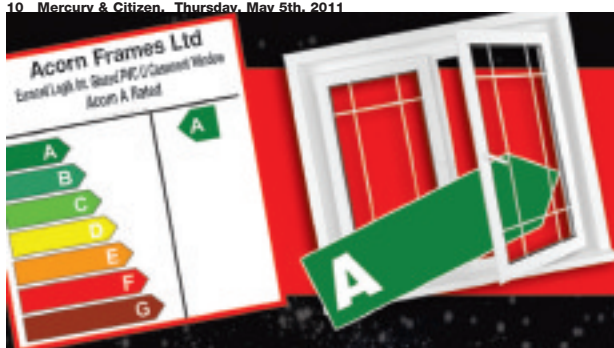
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Fiancee inspires events



Joseph Conetta with girlfriend Gemma Oakenfull

A STUDENT at Northampton College will host a series of musical fundraising events to help women with cancer.

Joseph Conetta was inspired to organise the events by the experience of his fiancée, who was diagnosed with cervical cancer six months after the couple met.

Gemma Oakenfull had a 4cm tumour removed in January, has undergone chemotherapy treatment and is soon due to begin radiotherapy.

Inspired by her experience, Joseph, a second year BTEC National Diploma in Music student, plans to hold a series of gigs to raise money for Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, a charity committed to helping women suffering from the disease.

The 30-year-old, who lives in Kettering, said: "If the money I raise helps just one woman going through the same thing as Gemma it will all be worthwhile. This is an illness that needs battling, and fast. Too many young women are being

misdiagnosed or just not getting treated quickly enough.

"I am extremely proud of Gemma. The strength she has shown in these last few months is immense. She is an amazing woman and to be next to her supporting her is all I want to do. Music has been in my blood forever and it is wonderful to be able to use my passion for it to do some good."

Gigs organised by Joseph will take place at venues in Northampton, London and Plymouth, and will feature music including a range of dub step, drum and base and UK hip hop. They began with a pre-Royal Wedding event at the Balloon Bar in Northampton last Thursday night and a 24-hour May Day event in Plymouth. Further events will take place in June and July.

Joseph said: "It's been a real challenge getting all the DJs, MCs and other performing artists together, as well as finding the right venues. But it's all for a great cause and it will be fantastic to see just how much money we can raise."

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Arsonists set fire to woods

A DISABLED father-of-two has spoken of his shock and concern after suspected arsonists tried to set fire to woodland close to his house for the second time in less than two years.

Arsonists targeted shrubs and trees close to the home of Tony Williams, aged

44, of Standing Stones, off Wellingborough Road, in Great Billing.

The fire was spotted by Mr Williams' wife and the fire brigade was then called.

However, he said by the time they arrived the fire had already started to spread through dried bushes and grass and was threatening to take hold of trees at the back of his home.

It is the second time in less than two years the land has been attacked by arsonists, after a fire destroyed about 20 feet of fencing, as well as surrounding

trees and shrubbery, in June 2009.

Mr Williams said he was worried those responsible would start a fire when he was not around, which could cause serious damage to the woods and possibly his home before emergency services could be alerted.

Mr Williams, who is a former military policeman, who has since lost a leg, said: "My wife was in the kitchen and saw a fire had started. She went out and within 30 or 40 seconds it had taken hold."

"At the minute my family are in fear of these incidents occurring and obviously you worry what the next incident is going to bring and where it is going to end up."

"I don't want my family in a position where they are being put in danger because at some stage these kids will achieve their objective and burn down the wood."

Mr Williams said he had held talks with the land owner about taking measures to stop potential arsonists striking the area but that nothing had been done so far.

He added: "If we had not been in we could have come home to a house that had burnt down or to find a tree had caught alight and fallen on to it."

"If we had been asleep, the first we would have known about it is when one of the trees came down on the house."

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The festival was held to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Nene becoming fully navigable over its 91 miles from The Wash to Northampton, to encourage greater recreational use of the river and contribute to the process of reconnecting Northampton with its waterfront.

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Brought down to Earth

KENNETH Branagh returns to the director's chair after the disappointing remake of *Sleuth* for a special effects-laden romp based on the popular Marvel Comics superhero. Thor is certainly his most technically demanding film to date but the miasma of digital trickery and pyrotechnics doesn't appear to faze Branagh, who balances the slam bang thrills of a summer blockbuster with tender romance and broad comedy.

Chris Hemsworth unquestionably possesses the imposing physical presence of the titular hammer-wielding god of thunder, who is brought down to Earth —literally – to learn about humility. A gratuitous topless scene pays tribute to the countless hours he spent in the gym preparing for the role. He sensibly leaves the emotion to Oscar winners Natalie Portman and Anthony Hopkins, who inject passion and fury to a predictable narrative that journeys from AD 765

to the present day, incorporating elements of classical Norse mythology to the underlying story of sibling rivalry. In the fantastic realm of Asgard, ruled by Odin (Hopkins) and his wife Frigga (Rene Russo), Thor (Hemsworth) is an arrogant heir to the throne. He acts first and thinks later, endangering the lives of his trusty companions Volstagg (Ray Stevenson), Sif (Jaimie Alexander), Hogun (Tadanobu Asano) and Fandral

(Joshua Dallas) by launching a suicidal attack on the Frost Giants led by the menacing Laufey (Colm Feore). "You are a vain, greedy, cruel boy!" rages Odin, who strips his son of his powers and his legendary war hammer, and dispatches him to Earth as punishment. The fallen god materialises in the desert of Puente Antiguo, New Mexico, where he befriends scientist Erik Selvig (Stellan Skarsgard), protegee Jane Foster (Natalie

Portman) and intern Darcy (Kat Dennings). Thor is an entertaining introduction to the muscle-bound hero and friends, who return to the big screen in 2012 as part of *The Avengers*. Action set pieces are orchestrated at breakneck pace and the digital effects are polished, including a terrific skirmish between Thor, the Frost Giants and a monstrous guardian of the frozen realm. The 3D format, however, is largely redundant.

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The band recently played three gigs at the annual industry showcase South By South West in Austin, Texas, and released the EP Silent Guns.

The group's second album is due to be released later this year.

Singer Tom Stubbs said: "South By South West was a great experience, there's so much going on and so many bands playing.

"The second gig was the MTV Woodie Awards where we played with a few acts including Tinie Tempah and Friendly Fires.

"It was a bit more corporate than the first one, but the reaction we had was good. "We met a German agent and we're now going to be playing some shows in the country in Hamburg, Berlin and Cologne in June."

Tom explained that he hoped the band would play more UK shows this year, but conceded he thought it was easier for up-and-coming bands to impress abroad than in the UK. He said: "There's something about the American audience which is happier to pay the \$5 to go and see live music, people are harder to convince I think in the UK."

New Cassettes have also been picked to feature in an in-flight magazine by American Airlines.

Tom added: "It'd be good to do another Northampton show, hopefully something free.

"I think the town is really picking up, there's a lot of really good young bands coming through which will hopefully help to put the town on the map."

For more information about New Cassettes, visit their website www.myspace.com/newcassettes.



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It's taken a while, but the Jeep Grand Cherokee finally seems to have found its market niche. It offers decent space and comfort for five with formidable off-road ability and classy styling. You can't expect Audi fit and finish inside because you won't be paying Audi prices.

Jeep has been through the wringer. Even its most ardent fans couldn't have expected the sort of rough ride the company has experienced in the last few years. It's almost as if it's been bought and sold more times than Craig Bellamy. Chrysler's infamous 'merger of equals' with Daimler predictably failed in 2007 and the subsequent takeover by Cerberus Capital Management, words that are now omerta within Chrysler, saw the company lurch further into the mire. After filing for bankruptcy in April of 2009, the newly streamlined Chrysler Group entered into a partnership with Fiat and are rolling out new products and bullish market projections.

With that sort of corporate backstory, it's amazing that Jeep have any new models worthy of the name, but the latest Grand Cherokee not only looks distinctly promising, but also seems to have finally eased into a market niche that suits it. As the old proverb goes, smooth seas do not make skilful sailors.

Those of you seeing a 3.0 CRD badge on the back of the Grand Cherokee will be forgiven for thinking that this is a carry over of the stalwart Mercedes-Benz common rail diesel unit and there will doubtless be many owners who still believe their Jeep is powered by a hunk of Swabian metal under the bonnet. Instead, they'll be propelled by a unit built by Fiat in collaboration with VM Motori which generates a maximum power of 237bhp at 4,000rpm and torque of 550 Nm between 1,800

and 2,800rpm. As well as the new powerplant, the Grand Cherokee also gets an all-new Quadra-Lift air suspension system and the Quadra Trac II four-wheel drive. When tyre slippage is detected, as much as 100 per cent of available torque is instantly routed to the axle with the most traction.

Jeep has even drawn inspiration from Land Rover in the fitment of its Selec-Terrain system, a dial in the centre console where the driver can choose between Rock, Sand/Mud, Snow, Sport and Auto settings and the vehicle then configures its all-wheel drive systems into the optimum configuration for the prevailing conditions.

Certain Grand Cherokee styling traits are instantly recognisable. The trapezoidal wheel arches, the high waist and turret-like glasshouse continue but seem even more accentuated on this generation car. The most noticeable change to the exterior styling is at the front, where the headlamps are now smaller and meaner looking, giving the Jeep a more focused and intense face. The front valance can be easily unbolted if you're planning off-road excursions, but for those who keep their Grand Cherokee on tarmac, it improves the styling of the front end and offers benefits in terms of aerodynamic efficiency.

The interior is a big step forward when compared to that of its predecessor, and while there are still some hard plastics evident, the tactility of the switches, the quality of the upholstery and the simple but sensible ergonomics mean that this feels like an impressively considered vehicle. There's plenty of space for five and the rear bench reclines by 18 degrees to improve headroom and comfort. A huge 993 litres of boot space is an 11% improvement over the outgoing model and that's with the spare wheel now being located inside the car rather than beneath it. You'll also find a built-in rechargeable torch and beefier luggage tie-downs.

If you've followed the fate of the Grand Cherokee down the years, you'll have noticed some



ups and downs. The car was originally positioned as a rival for the likes of Range Rover and was priced accordingly. When models like the Mercedes M Class and BMW X5 appeared, the SUV sector shot into a different league, and one where Jeep appeared to have been left behind. Hindsight shows that perhaps Jeep was playing a smart card, understanding its core buyers and aware of the limits of its brand equity. With compact SUVs now routinely topping £30,000, the Grand Cherokee has come to represent excellent value for money.

Standard safety features include electronic stability control (ESC), electronic roll mitigation (ERM), anti-lock braking (ABS) with rough-road detection, four-wheel brake traction control system, Keyless Enter-N-Go, remote keyless entry, and both side and full curtain airbags. Jeep also offers an array of options including Uconnect Navigation and Uconnect Phone. A black olive wood trim works better than you might imagine and extends to the instrument panel, the upper door panels, and the leather-trimmed, heated steering wheel.

Don't be too worried by the rather unspectacular residual figures of the old Grand Cherokee. Nobody paid list price for these vehicles and the actual residuals were far better. An aggressive upfront price and the scope for a deal may well continue that theme with the latest model too.

What's not up for negotiation is the fact that emissions have improved considerably, the latest Fiat/VM engine helping to cut CO2 from 270 to a far more acceptable 218g/km. Fuel consumption has been slashed too, with the mediocre 27.7mpg figure of the old car eclipsed by the latest model's 34.2mpg showing on the combined cycle.

Although the latest Grand Cherokee could hardly claim to have been born to stable parentage, it has nevertheless scrubbed up extremely well. It's recognisably a Jeep, but still manages to usher in some new design language. The 3.0-litre engine is massively more efficient than its aging Mercedes predecessor and offers more power. Air suspension has improved the Grand Cherokee's ability to tackle even more extreme trail ability and the introduction of the Selec-Terrain system means that negotiating off-road hazards has never been simpler. On-road ride and handling have also taken a step in the right direction as a result.

Perhaps more impressive is the fact that in refusing to follow its erstwhile competitors in their dizzying reach upmarket, the Grand Cherokee now asks them some extremely awkward questions that, on a pure value for money basis, many would find impossible to answer convincingly. As unlikely as it might seem, a big American SUV born from the wreckage of the credit crunch may well have found its time.



FACTFILE

CAR: Jeep Grand Cherokee
PRICES: from £32,000 [est]
INSURANCE GROUP: 14 [est]
CO2 EMISSIONS: 218g/km
PERFORMANCE: 0-60 8.1s / top speed 128mph[est]
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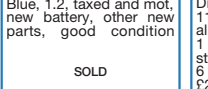
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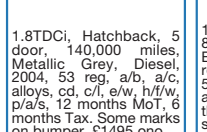
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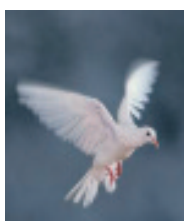
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David and Laura BURT

Would like to extend their gratitude to all those who helped to make their Wedding on 26th April 2011 a special and magical occasion.



Obituaries

BANNER — Jim For many years a trusted friend and neighbour of Judy and Brian. Deepest sympathy to Evelyn and her family. Sleep peacefully Jim.

CLARKE Charlie

Died April 19th 2011 aged 48. Lived life to the full. No regrets!

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COBBING Sylvia (Nee West)

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DONNELLY — Kevin. Deepest sympathy to Carmel, Shane, Brendan, Erin and all the Donnelly family. From Pj Wall and family.

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Our gratitude to Darren and all the amazing staff, whose outstanding care and devotion to our wonderful Mum will always be remembered.

Funeral arrangements to follow.



HOLTON Shirley

Shirley you were wonderful. I will always smile remembering the laughs we shared together. Love always, Malcolm. xxx

JOYCE Kathleen

Passed away on April 18th 2011.

Will leave an empty place in our hearts. Son Colin, Josie and family. Sleep peacefully.



Obituaries

FROST — Irene It is with sadness that we announce the death of Irene Frost, Kingsland Avenue, Northampton. Who passed away on Thursday 21st April at the age of 87 years. The Funeral Directors are Hollowells, Situ in Beech Avenue. Funeral Arrangements will be announced shortly. Any flowers should be sent to the Funeral Directors.

FROST Irene

Of Kingsland Avenue, Died at home on 21st April. Part of me died with you, you are the best mum in the world, always very loving and giving, will always miss you. God Bless. Daughter Veronica and Son in Law Philip xxx

Obituaries

KING — Doris Irene (Rene) Passed away peacefully on 25th April 2011. Much loved Sister of Stan and Barbara, Dearest Sister in Law to Lillian and John, and a much loved Aunt to all her Nieces and Nephews. We will all miss you so much. The day thou gavest Lord is ended. Rest In Peace.

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LING — Reg. Dear brother in law of June, uncle to Mick, Deb and family. Reunited with Len (D. Sept 2001). Always remembered. Rest in peace.

PINSON — Marga Died 25th April 2011. Love you always Mum and Nan. Mark, Sue, Sam, Matthew and Georgia xxxxxx



Obituaries

PINSON Marga

Passed away peacefully at Kettering General Hospital on Monday 25th April aged 82 years. Dearly loved Mother of Barry, Mother-in-law to Diane.

Precious forever are the memories of you, today tomorrow and all life through, where ever we are what ever we do, we will always love and remember you.

Rest in peace Mum, Love you always Barry and Diane xxx

Funeral Arrangements to follow.

PINSON Marga

Passed away peacefully on 25th April aged 82 surrounded by her loving family.

If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.

A very special Mum, Nan and Great Nan. Forever in our hearts love you always from your devoted family xxx.



Obituaries

SAUNDERS Sheila (nee Bruley)

A loving Mum and Nan passed away peacefully at Turn Furlong on 20th April 2011

Just one last time.... I wish I could have held your hand, kissed your cheek and told you that I love you. You were a generous hearted lady who taught me right from wrong.

God took you to ease your pain but it was too soon Mum, big Sister Eileen will look after you now.

Night night, sweet dreams Your loving Daughter Kathleen and Son-in-law Allan

x x x

"Cheers Nan!" Keep smiling down on us Thanks for the laughs

Love Callum & Brayden

x R.I.P x

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Rest in peace Mum, Love you always Your Daughter & Son-in-law Jenny & Clive

x x x

So for the last time 'Curly Nan', Here is a big wave and smile goodbye

Love you forever x x Gemma & Holly x x



SPENCE Betty

Loved Aunt of Robin and dear friend of Mary and family.

A true lady in every sense sadly missed. Our love to Les, Jenny, Michael and family.

WHITE Bmay

Goodnight and God Bless.

Love Steve, Sara, Ross, Reece and Cory x

TURNER — Ted. A long standing member of Northampton Boat Club will be sadly missed by all members. Condolences to Maisie and Family.

WHITE BMay

Our Sister, Our Friend, A lady through and through. You've broken our hearts so badly now that we've lost you.

Love PJ, Bridie, James, Trish and Lean xxx

WHITE — Bmay. Deepest sympathy to all the family. From the Ryan family.

WHITE B.May

Another of lives "True Lady's" taken from this world to rest in a better place. Heartfelt sympathy to Mary, Ann, Steve, Sharon and Families. From Maz, Mark and boys. xx

Obituaries

WHITE B.May

Cherished God Mother to James. Always so caring and selfless, a special place in our hearts always. Deepest sympathy to Mary, Ann, Steve, Sharon and Grandchildren. Love James, Claire and Liam O'Grady.



WHITE B.May

Special Friend over the years, will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathy to Mary, Ann, Steve, Sharon and Grandchildren. God bless Jim, Kitty O'Grady and Family

WHITE BMay

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WILSON Ron

1932 - 2011.

Dad to Gill and Eamon, Pap to Wayne, Claire, Darren, Laura, Callum and Jordan. RIP Dad.

'A man of men' Will be sadly missed love you Dad and Pap.

Acknowledgements

HILLERY — Roy Dora, Mark, Jenny & Chloe would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the flowers, cards and donations. Special thanks to Semilong Club & Skittles Team, Rev Dr EJ Ted Hale and Kevin Matthews, Balmoral Road.



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To Deacon Philip Nash for ensuring the services were both meaningful and memorable

Thanks to Tim Perkins and staff for their outstandingly beautiful floral tributes

To Jo and staff at 'The Old White Hart' for their personal yet professional service

Very many thanks to all for the donations to British Heart Foundation, the cards and messages of sympathy which were a deep comfort to us all

SHAW — Trevor. The family would like to thank all friends and relatives for all the kind words of comfort and the cards of condolence at this sad time. Thank you to all who donated to the Northampton Heart Centre in memory of Trevor and to Chris of B Hollowell.

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In Memoriam

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David

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We miss you and love you lots. Laura, Sophie and Abigail.
xxx

Forever in my thoughts. My love always
Angela
xx

DILLON
David

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God Bless,
Rene

DZYDZA — Barbara. 1st May 2007. Thinking of you every day. Love Zed x x x

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George

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NOW FOR THE BIG ONE - Roger Wilson and his Saints team-mates enjoys Sunday's semi-final win over Perpignan. Now they face Irish giants Leinster in the Heineken Cup final at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on May 21
PICTURE: LINDA DAWSON



Maximum effort

ROGER WILSON says Saints will need to play at their maximum to win a second Heineken Cup.

Wilson put in another powerhouse display to steer Saints past French Top 14 outfit Perpignan 23-7 at Milton Keynes on Sunday.

Saints will now meet Wilson's countrymen Leinster at the Millennium Stadium on May 21 and the No.8 knows it will be the toughest of all challenges to beat the 2009 Heineken Cup champions.

Wilson has plenty of experience of taking on Leinster having played for Ulster in the Magners League for five years before mov-

ing to Franklin's Gardens in 2008.

And the 29-year-old says it will be the sternest examination they have had this season.

Wilson said: "It will be a big step up. Speaking to a few of the boys after the game (against Perpignan) we thought the quarter-final, in terms of intensity, was a bit tougher than Sunday.

"That's no lack of respect to Perpignan. Leinster will be another step up to what the quarter-final was. They don't have any weaknesses in their team. Literally to win the game everyone's going to have to be at their best.

"They're going to have to pro-

duce one of the best games of their lives, every single one of us. It's within our capabilities but it's going to take a massive, massive effort.

"They don't have many weaknesses in their squad. Their defence is absolutely outstanding, their set-piece has improved massively over the last couple of years and they've got some world-class players.

"I can't think of any weaknesses they have in their game.

"They've always had the backs. Whenever I used to play against them with Ulster, they just didn't have that killer instinct in the pack.

But certainly now, they've got one of the top-ranked packs in Europe and that's the main difference - the forwards they've brought in and how they've worked on that.

"A lot of the games I've seen they've dominated with the forwards up front so we probably need to be at our maximum in the final."

Saints turn their attentions back to the Aviva Premiership this Saturday when they take on Leeds in their final game of the season.

Jim Mallinder's men need to win to confirm their place in the Premiership play-off semi-finals. Kick-off at Franklin's Gardens is at 3pm.

Jacobs' pledge to improve

COBBLERS player of the year Michael Jacobs says his target for next season is to become a matchwinner for the club.

And Town boss Gary Johnson, who is a big fan of the young midfielder, says Jacobs is one of the players he is planning on building his Northampton team around.

Jacobs has enjoyed a fine first full season in senior football, scoring eight goals and getting the nod from the supporters as the campaign's star performer.

Now the Rothwell-raised youth-team graduate wants to take his game up a level, saying: "I get a lot of support from the fans, as does everyone. Sometimes I don't make the right decisions but I am only young and I am still learning.

"With the management we have got, I am learning everyday. Hopefully I can become a more experienced and wiser player and win games for the club."

Johnson agrees with that verdict, although he admits there are elements of Jacobs' game that require some work.

Having played so many games at such a young age, the midfielder is likely to have his name in the notebooks of plenty of scouts but the club is under no pressure to sell him this summer as he remains under contract.

Johnson insists the teenager needs to stay at Sixfields to hone his craft and avoid being a substitute at a higher level, and in that time he plans to make him a key component of his new-look side.

"He's going to be a top player," said Johnson. "I think he probably needs another year or so with me and then he'd be ready for a move. He needs to be playing.

"There are still things he needs to learn and I want to help him do that so hopefully he'll be here for a year or two yet. You can build a team around players like that."

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